

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 47

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to the National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 70, Gaines. The National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl.

This measure would recognize and designate the 4th Saturday of every July, in perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl, and would encourage the people of the State of California to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women together built the strong framework of this nation through their ability to develop farmland, establish ranches, and successfully provide the agricultural products that feed this growing nation and much of the world; and

WHEREAS, The descendants of those pioneers, and those influenced by their endeavors, have continued that tradition and noble life's work; and

WHEREAS, In California, the vaqueros and rancheros contributed significantly to our western heritage; and

WHEREAS, Through cultural influence and the spirit of competition among those hardworking ranchers and farmers, often referred to as "cowboys" and "cowgirls," the rodeo was introduced to the West, defining a whole new branch of the ranching and farming experience; and

WHEREAS, Through their hard work, honesty, and perseverance, cowboys and cowgirls have earned a reputation of integrity, patriotism, and a desire to preserve the uniquely American traditions of their trade; and

WHEREAS, The young people of this country have embraced the lifestyle of the cowboy through organized activities such as Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and other educational endeavors to prepare them for their role in the ongoing cowboy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to serve, preserve, and perpetuate this very foundation of America's heritage, not only through the efforts of working cowboys and cowgirls, but through the efforts of many statewide organizations that, each day, recognize the significance and value of the cowboy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy and the cowgirl continue to be excellent stewards of this land and its creatures; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy and the cowgirl continue to be vital parts of the nation, and in particular, the economy of this great State of California; and

WHEREAS, Through determination and skill, commitment, and sacrifice, the vaquero, the ranchero, the farmer, rancher, cowboy, and cowgirl continue, and will continue, to produce the products that feed and clothe this nation; and

WHEREAS, Through work and through play, in the movies or in the fields, raising crops, herding cattle, raising pigs or sheep, or bronc busting in a rodeo, the cowboy and the cowgirl are true American icons, worthy of recognition and honor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes and designates the 4th Saturday of every July, in perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the people of the great State of California to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities honoring those strong and honorable citizens of this state who, by their efforts and contributions, have earned the titles of “cowboy” and “cowgirl”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.